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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page,

Item [56], **References Cited**, OTHER PUBLICATIONS,
"Mine," reference, delete "Decives" and insert -- Devices --.

Column 1,

Line 6, delete "6,305,956" and insert -- 6,303,956 --.

Column 9,

Line 13, after "top" insert -- of --.

Column 10,

Line 31, delete "The" and insert -- A --.

Line 45, after "below the" insert -- level below the --.

Line 47, after "having" insert -- sidewalls --.

Column 11,

Line 40, after "removing" delete "the conductive layer and"; and after "level" insert -- substantially even with or --.

Column 12,

Line 20, delete "The" and insert -- A --.

Line 31, delete "oxynitride" and insert -- oxynitrides --.

Lines 43 and 61, delete "close" insert -- closed --.

Line 62, delete "form" and insert -- from --.

Column 13,

Lines 22 and 28, after "top" insert -- of the --.

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Column 14,

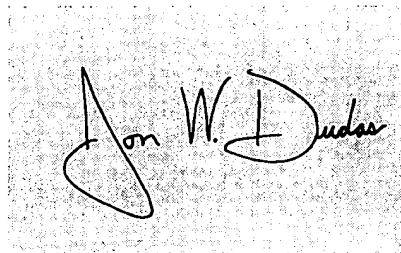
Line 4, delete "fill" and insert -- fills --.

Line 11, delete "atop" and insert -- a top --.

Line 46, after "layer" insert -- and the fill layer --.

Signed and Sealed this

Fourteenth Day of March, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "D".

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